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Deputy Mark Wall, TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ 34360/25

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 554 of 7 May 2025, for a list of all patient representative and civil society groups that the gender healthcare programme has organised meetings with to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Wall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Children and Young People (NCAGL C&YP) and the Gender Healthcare Programme on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE has initiated a new Gender Healthcare Programme to develop an updated clinical model of care for gender healthcare services for the Irish population. Our goal is to develop a person-centred model of care and develop in an integrated gender healthcare service that meets the needs of people in Ireland.

One of the first tasks for the Clinical Lead for HSE's Gender Healthcare Programme and the programme team will be to design a stakeholder engagement plan to ensure inclusion of people with lived experience, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), advocates and people in relevant health and social care roles.

The team will develop the updated clinical model of care in a consultative way, engaging with healthcare professionals, patients and their families who will be involved in the design of services.

Information on our process and progress is available on our webpage which will be updated as the work develops.¹

The HSE's Gender Healthcare Programme is committed to building a gender healthcare service in Ireland based on experience and clinical evidence, respect, inclusiveness and compassion.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely	
Anne Horgan	
General Manager	

References: https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/gender/gender.html